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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 10, 2006, in connection with the above application. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal is also filed concurrently. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.